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## Quiet Fire Day in the Bitterroot

HAMILTON, MT; JULY 19, 2007. --- As of early afternoon today, fire crews were mopping up on the Michael, Harlan, Mountain House, and Railroad fires. and they can be considered contained or out. Due to all the lightning we have experienced the past several days, hold over fires are anticipated.

Smoke in the Bitterroot Valley is originating from fires in Northern and Central Idaho.

Forest officials would like to remind everyone that Stage II fire restrictions will go into effect one minute after midnight Monday morning July 23, 2007. The Public may access fire information at website: <a href="http://63.196.254.151/WildWeb/WCMT-BRC.htm">http://63.196.254.151/WildWeb/WCMT-BRC.htm</a> and follow the links to 'open incidents'.

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